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THAT your Petitioner was bred a Merchant, and in his Dealings always maintained a fair Character.

That your Petitioner was chosen a Director of the *South Sea Company*, and afterwards without his own seeking, was elected Deputy-Governor.

That whilst he was in that Station, the Scheme which the late Act of Parliament established was set on foot, of which he was neither the Author nor Contriver; and after the said Scheme was established, his Place did necessarily require him to Act in carrying the same into Execution, wherein he sincerely design'd and endeavour'd, as far as in him lay, to promote and advance the General Good of the Company.

It is certain he never propos'd to make any immoderate Gain to himself, as may appear by his small Dealings in Stock, having never in his Life given or taken any Money for Refusals, or made any Contracts about Stock.

It is difficult for any one to say he never erred in his Conduct, especially when he was concern'd in so great and weighty Affairs, and in the Management of a Trust of so extensive and intricate a Nature; but this he can with Truth affirm, That wherein he has at any time Mistaken, it arose from Ignorance and Error in Judgment, and not from any Design to Prejudice or Impoverish any Person whatsoever.

Yet the BILL now depending in this Honourable House takes away all his Estate except only 5000 *l.* and in a very grievous and severe manner, lays him under excessive Hardships and Difficulties, unless it shall seem Reasonable to this Honourable House to moderate and lessen them, and augment his Allowance.

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